

Spartan Cagers Host North in Bay League Struggle

Intracity Foes in Bay Loop Contest

Fast-breaking South High will open the new year with a bang, hosting North High's Sparky Davidson and Co. at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the second Bay League basketball encounter for both squads.

South has not been too powerful a cage force in the past few tournament contests after working over Loyola, Aviation and Torrance in early games. In one of their finest contests of the season, the Spartans dropped a bitterly contested duke to defending CIF champ Compton.

North High, hot and cold, is led by Sparky Davidson, the lone letterman returning, and a good one at that, being named to the All-League squad last year.

Paced by departed Ron Dinkel, the Falcons earned a third place in the Pioneer League last year with a 9-3 record.

THE SAXONS shook up a few of the favorites in the Pacific Shores and Beverly Hills Invitational tournaments, showing they have the guns to make a run for the loop crown.

Yesterday, in the first league contest for both squads, North met Redondo, while South had its hands full at Morningside.

PRIMARILY a rebuilding year for North, the Saxons have difficulty on the boards, averaging just under six feet per man.

Phil de la Porte is the big gunner for South, pacing the Spartans with his deadly shooting from the outside.

As far as Bay League competition is concerned, the crystal ball gazers figure Santa Monica and Mira Costa are the teams to beat. Each has beaten the other once in tournament competition so far this season and are clearly the class of the league.

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Torrance Hosts Aviation In Pioneer League Game

Pioneer League basketball comes to Torrance tomorrow night as Aviation comes to town to meet Torrance High in the second loop encounter for both quintets this year at 8 o'clock.

After a so-so practice season which saw them come on strong in single games, but disappoint in the tournaments, the Tartars will be looking for

a victory against an Aviation team that has also been unimpressive in practice contests.

With only one letterman, Damon Wisham, returning, Torrance is counting on a Bee and Jayvee crop to carry the load. Lack of height has also cursed the Tartars in the early going. Will Boerger's club battled to a 6-6 record last year and

a fourth place in the Pioneer League and cannot be too optimistic about improving things this time around.

Aviation, with eight men over six feet will hit Torrance in its weakest point, board control. Bill Westphal and Dan McDougall have been the big boys in the Falcon attack. At 6-5, Westphal has been a terror on the boards.

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One of the most wide open Metropolitan Conference basketball chases in history begins tomorrow night when Harbor College hosts El Camino College at 8.

Although Bakersfield is favored to take its fourth consecutive conference crown, Valley College, East Los Angeles, San Diego, Harbor and El Camino are all given a good chance to wrest the title from the Renegades.

Harbor dropped its first six games and then caught fire to end with a 7-10 record, capped by a fine performance in the Sam Barry Tournament which netted the Seahawks the consolation championship.

ALTHOUGH only one sophomore is in the starting Warrior five, Coach George Stanich's crew is alert and tough on the boards, and could easily be one of the finest Tribe aggregations in the past few years.

Already two outstanding performances have come out of the ECC club. In pre-season play they startled the undefeated UCLA frosh by forcing the Bruabes into double overtime before they could pull out a 92-89 triumph. In the Sam Barry classic, the Indians mauled the Los Angeles City College aggregation, 102-83 in an outstanding offensive showing.

AVERAGING 14.0 points a clip, center Keith Erickson is Camino's leading scorer. The 6-4 center is complimented by the poised play-making of reliable Dan Karavas, the only sophomore in the starting line-up.

Host Harbor is no slouch this year, either. Coach Norm Kettering describes his outfit as the biggest and best in four years.

FORWARD Al Windfelt, 6-3, gives the Seahawks deadly shooting from the corner back up the play of Ed Briscoe, 6-3, top hand on the club.

During the latter half of the practice contest, Harbor demonstrated it will be tough on the boards and stubborn defensively.

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